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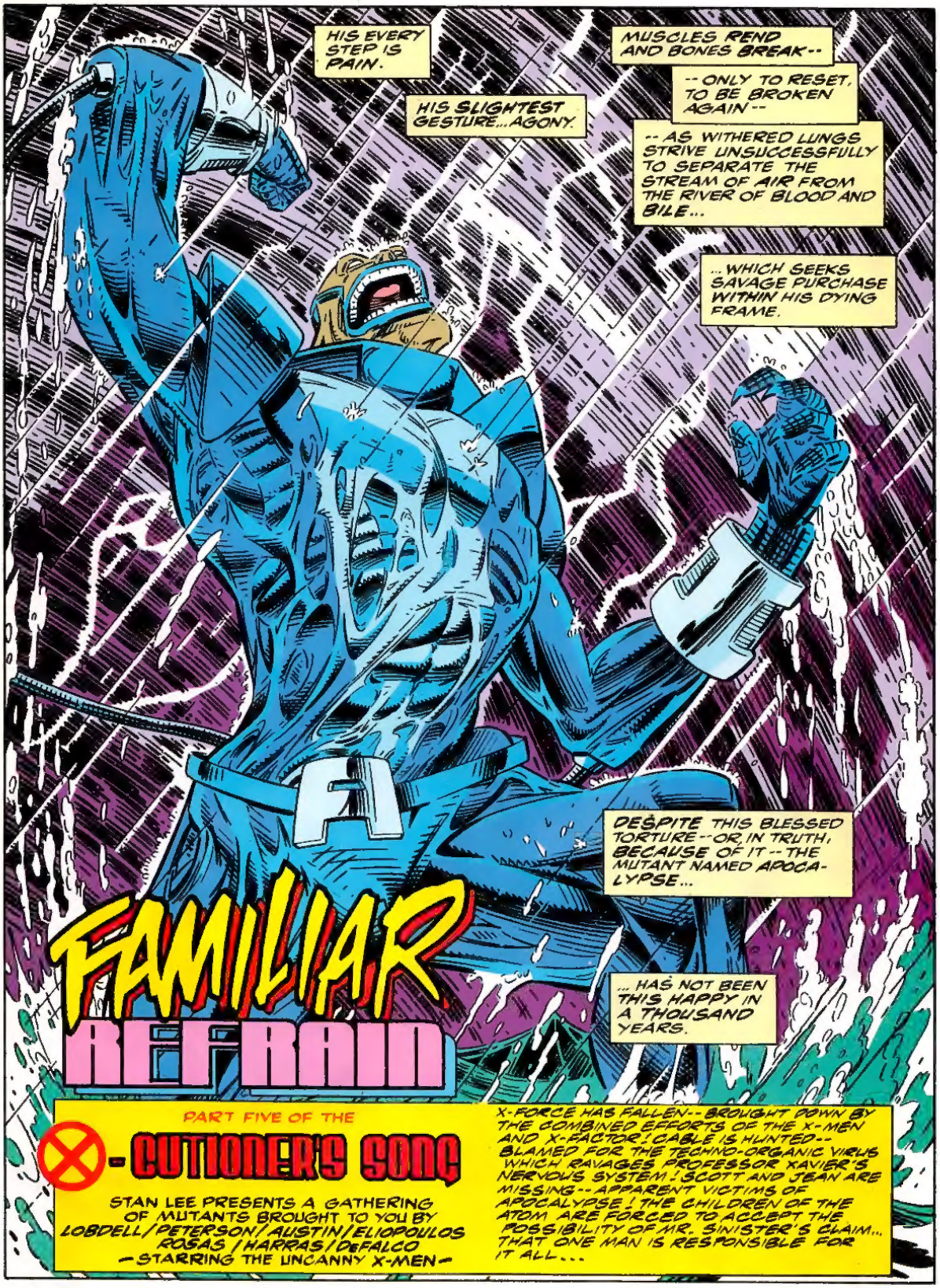

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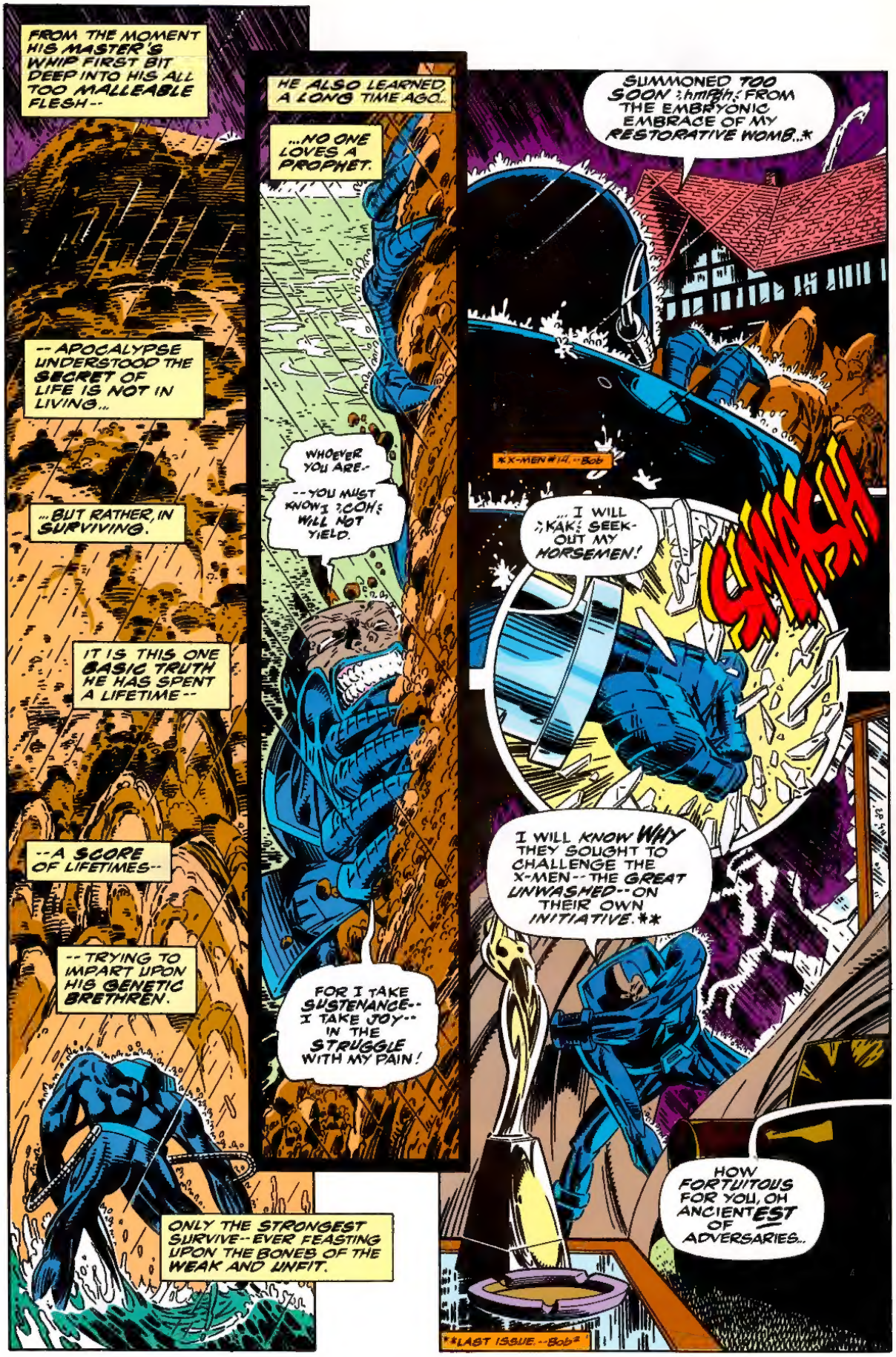
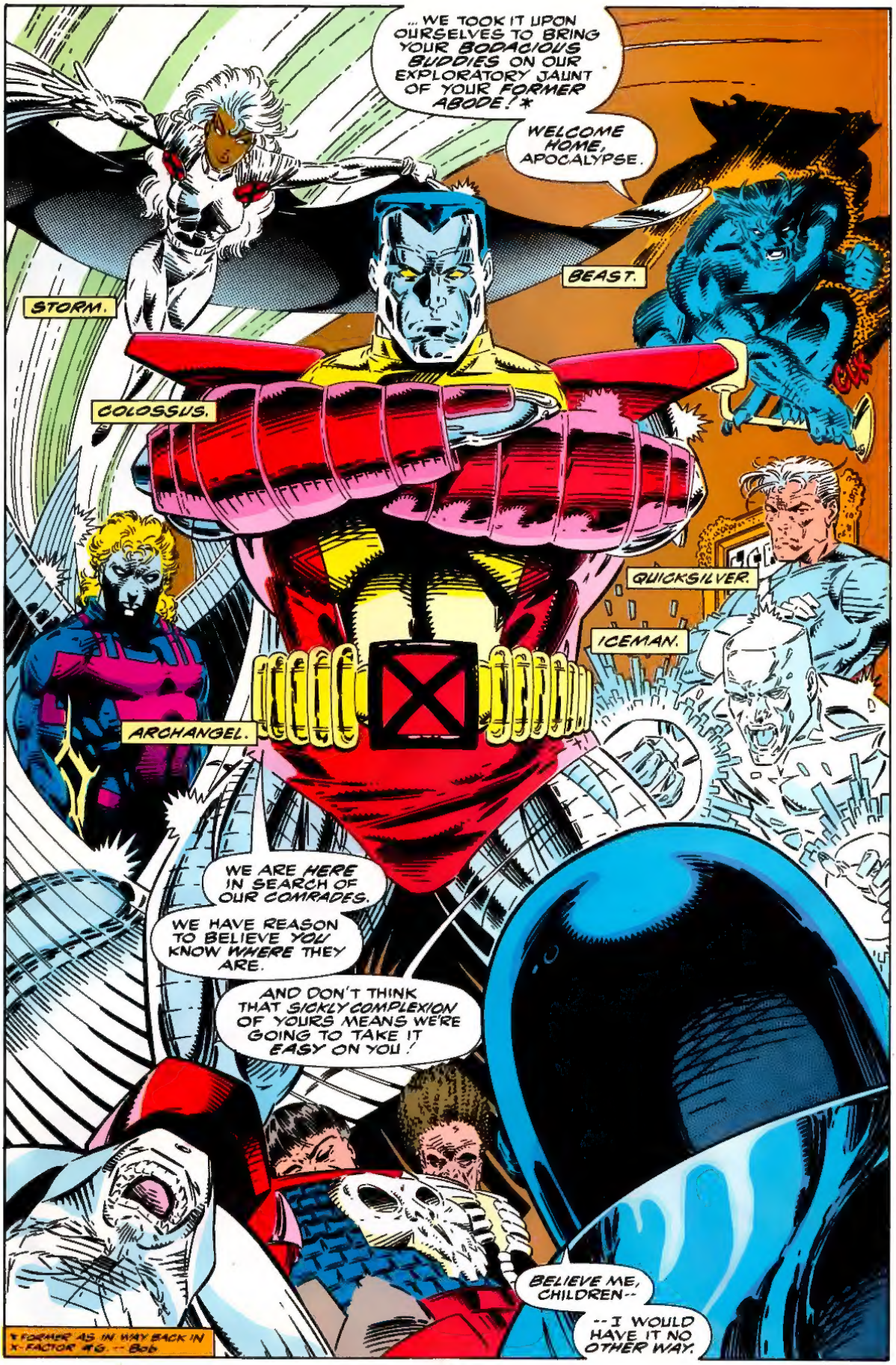

FROM THE MOMENT HIS MASTER'S WHIP FIRST BIT DEEP INTO HIS ALL TOO MALLEABLE FLESH--
--APOCALYPSE UNDERSTOOD THE SECRET OF LIFE IS NOT IN LIVING..
...BUT RATHER, IN SURVIVING.
IT IS THIS ONE BASIC TRUTH HE HAS SPENT A LIFETIME--
--A SCORE OF LIFETIMES--
--TRYING TO IMPART UPON HIS GENETIC BRETHREN.
ONLY THE STRONGEST SURVIVE--EVER FEASTING UPON THE BONES OF THE WEAK AND UNFIT.
HE ALSO LEARNED, A LONG TIME AGO..
...NO ONE LOVES A PROPHET.
WHOEVER YOU ARE--
--YOU MUST KNOW I ?COH? WILL NOT YIELD.
FOR I TAKE SUSTENANCE-- I TAKE JOY-- IN THE STRUGGLE WITH MY PAIN!
SUMMONED TOO SOON ?hmRh? FROM THE EMBRYONIC EMBRACE OF MY RESTORATIVE WOMB...*
*X-MEN #14, --Bob
SMASH
... I WILL ?KAK? SEEK-OUT MY HORSEMEN!
I WILL KNOW WHY THEY SOUGHT TO CHALLENGE THE X-MEN--THE GREAT UNWASHED--ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE.**
HOW FORTUITOUS FOR YOU, OH ANCIENTEST OF ADVERSARIES..
**LAST ISSUE --Bob


... WE TOOK IT UPON OURSELVES TO BRING YOUR BODACIOUS BUDDIES ON OUR EXPLORATORY JAUNT OF YOUR FORMER ABODE! *
WELCOME HOME, APOCALYPSE.
STORM.
BEAST.
COLOSSUS.
QUICKSILVER.
ICEMAN.
ARCHANGEL.
WE ARE HERE IN SEARCH OF OUR COMRADES.
WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE YOU KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.
AND DON'T THINK THAT SICKLY COMPLEXION OF YOURS MEANS WE'RE GOING TO TAKE IT EASY ON YOU!
BELIEVE ME, CHILDREN--
--I WOULD HAVE IT NO OTHER WAY.
* FORMER AS IN WAY BACK IN X-FACTOR #6. -- Bob

PROFESSOR XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS.

SALEM CENTER, NEW YORK.

WITH THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT OF THE SCHOOL'S FOUNDER AND HEAD-MASTER--*

--EVEN THE COOL AUTUMN WINDS WHISPER QUIETLY, RESPECTFULLY AS THEY WAFT ABOUT THE XAVIER ESTATE.

INSIDE, HOWEVER...

...ANOTHER PRIMAL FORCE OF NATURE IS HANDLING THE SITUATION IN A DIFFERENT MANNER ALTOGETHER.

--AND I'LL SAY IT AGAIN, LOSER!

YER NOTHIN' BUT A WHINING BUNCH O' HEAD-PADDED

HYPER-THYROIDED

PIG-HEADED

SPOILED BRAT

POORLY DRESSED

OVERLY ACCESSORIZED

DELUSIONALLY DISADVANTAGED X-MEN WANNABES

IN MAJOR NEED OF A TOTAL 'TUDE ADJUSTMENT!

ARE YOU FINISHED, JUBILEE?

NOT HARDLY!

*LAST ISSUE--B.H.

YOU'RE NOT EVEN--

YANK!

MAYBE YOU OUGHTA REPHRASE THAT.

"JUBILEE. YOU ARE FINISHED."

LEMMEGO, YA' THIRD-GENERATION COLOSSUS KNOCK-OFF...

"...X-FORCE STARTED IT!"

SO THIS IS WHAT IT COMES DOWN TA?

THE TEAM AH WAS SUPPOSED T'LEAD-- ACCORDIN' TA' SOME, THE TEAM SAM GUTHRIE WAS BORN T'LEAD...

...AND THE BEST AH CAN DO BY BOOMER, RICTOR, SUNSPOT, SHATTERSTAR, WARPATH, SIRYN AND FERAL HERE--

--IS A CELL IN THE X-MEN'S DANGER ROOM.

EASY, GAL...

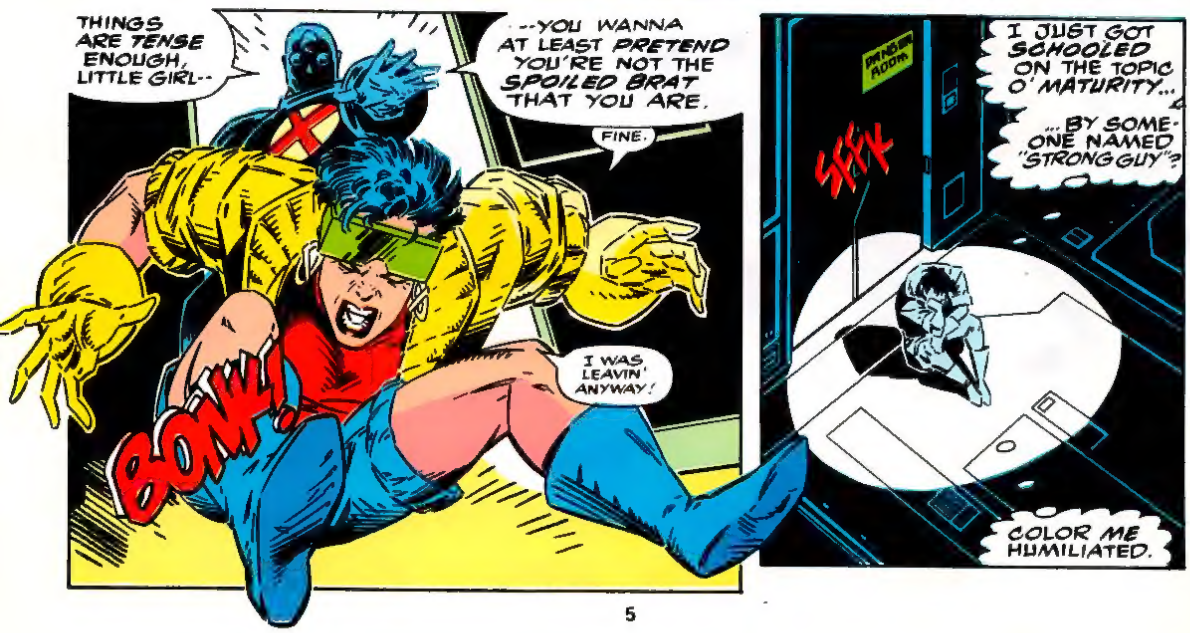
BOYO, THE LASS DINNEA EVEN KNOW YUIR MOTHER!

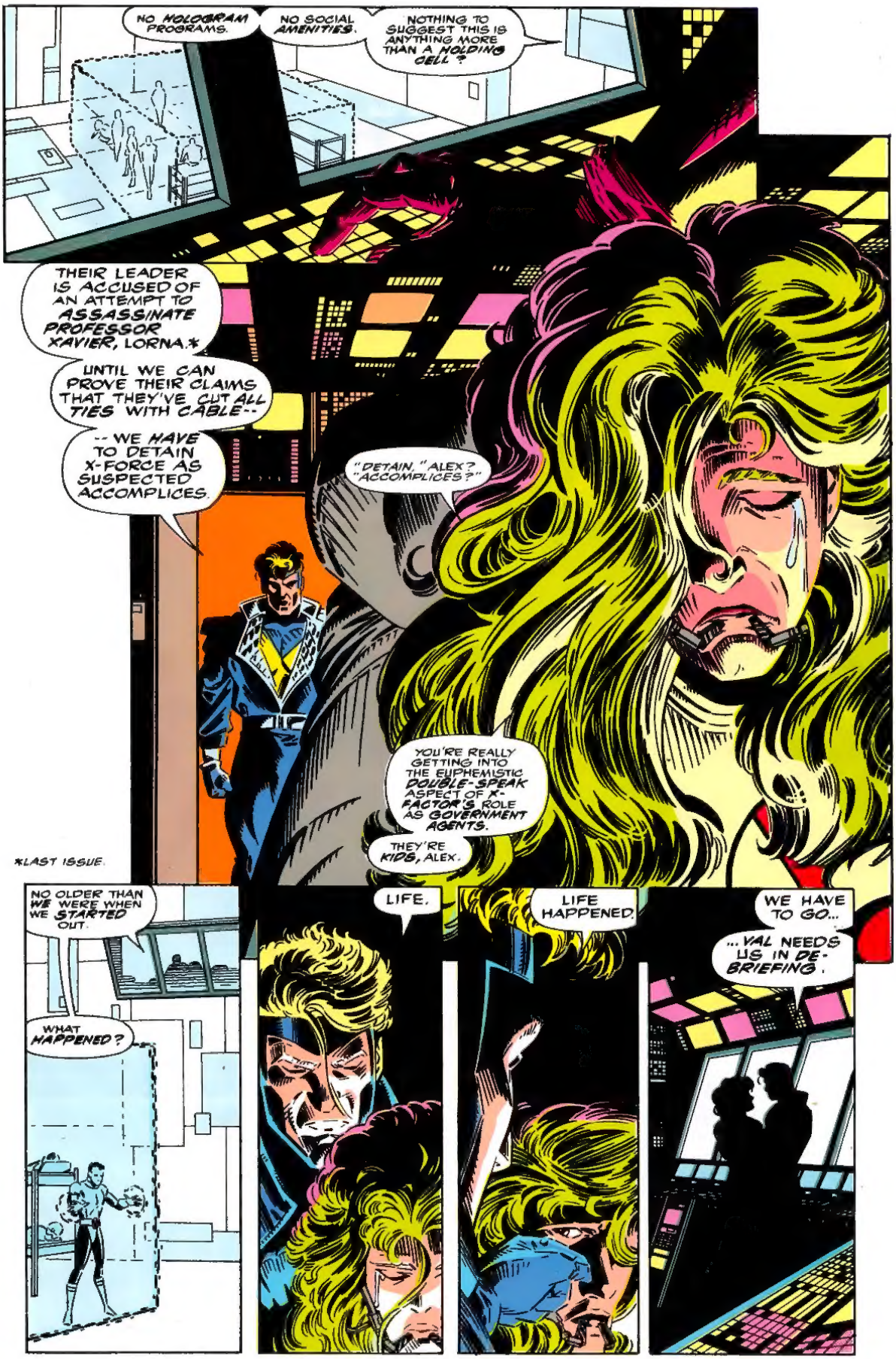
A WORD OUTSIDE, JUBE?

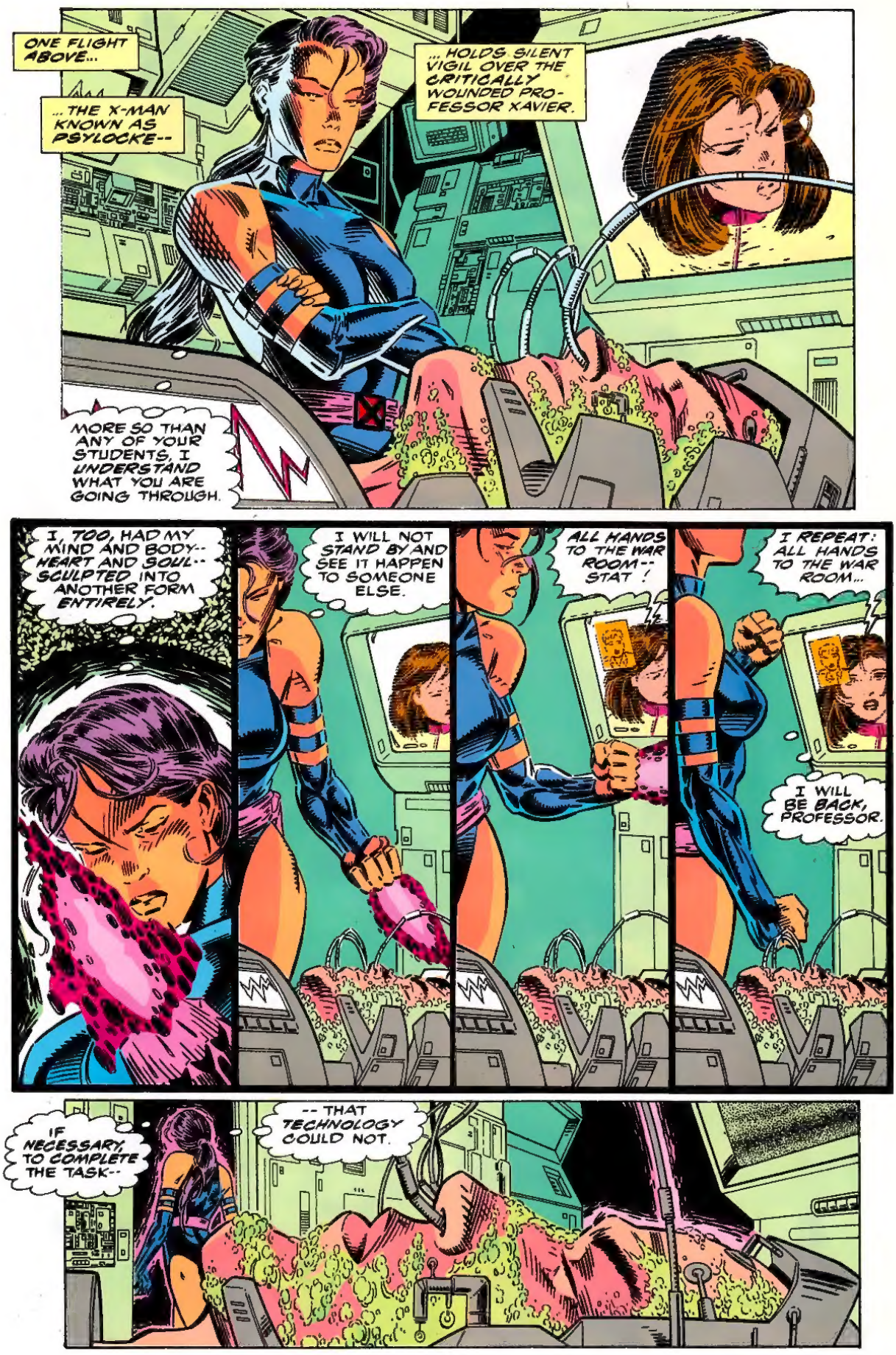
ANOTHER "SUGGESTION"?

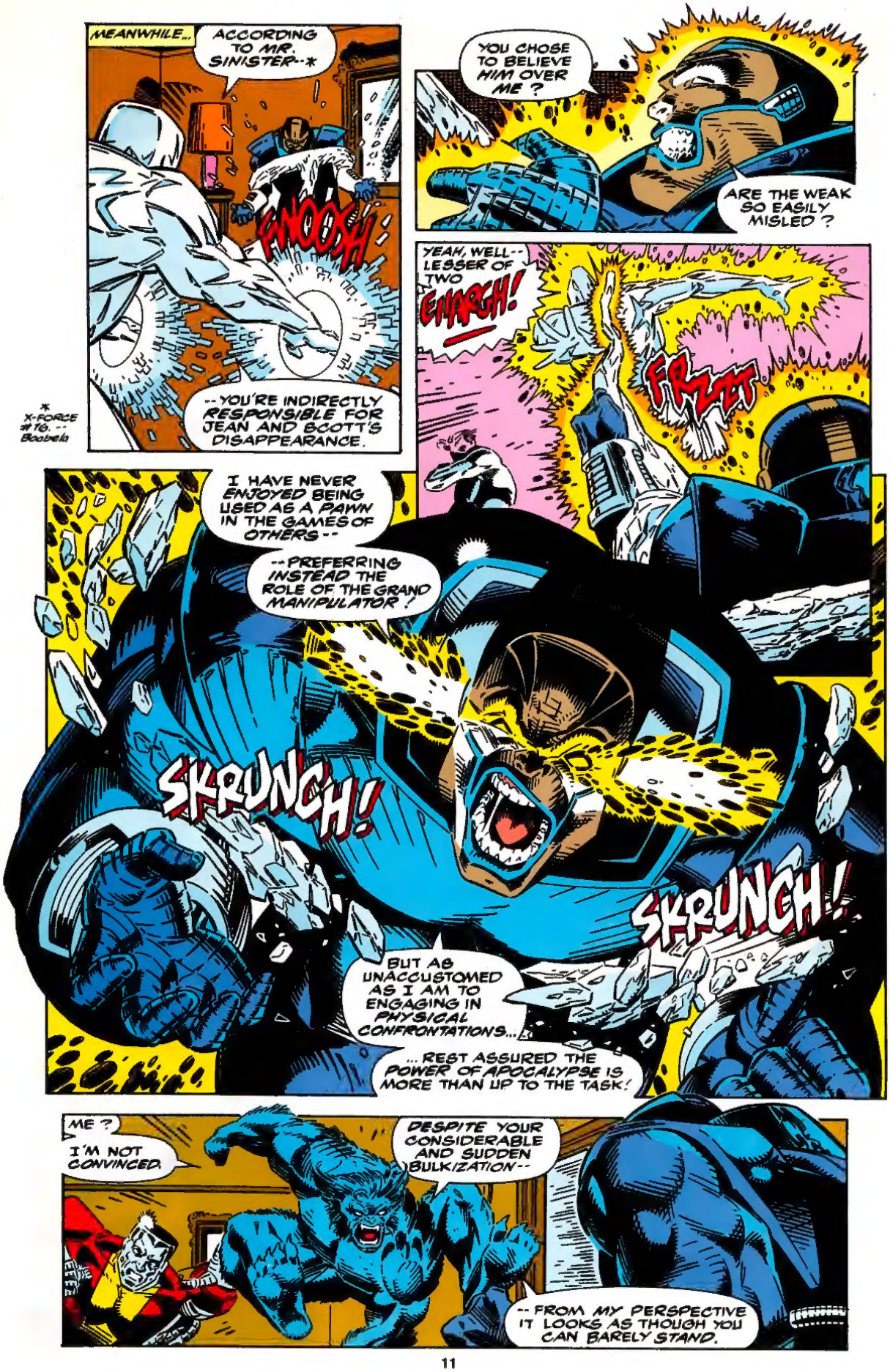
GRRRR

RIIIGHT.

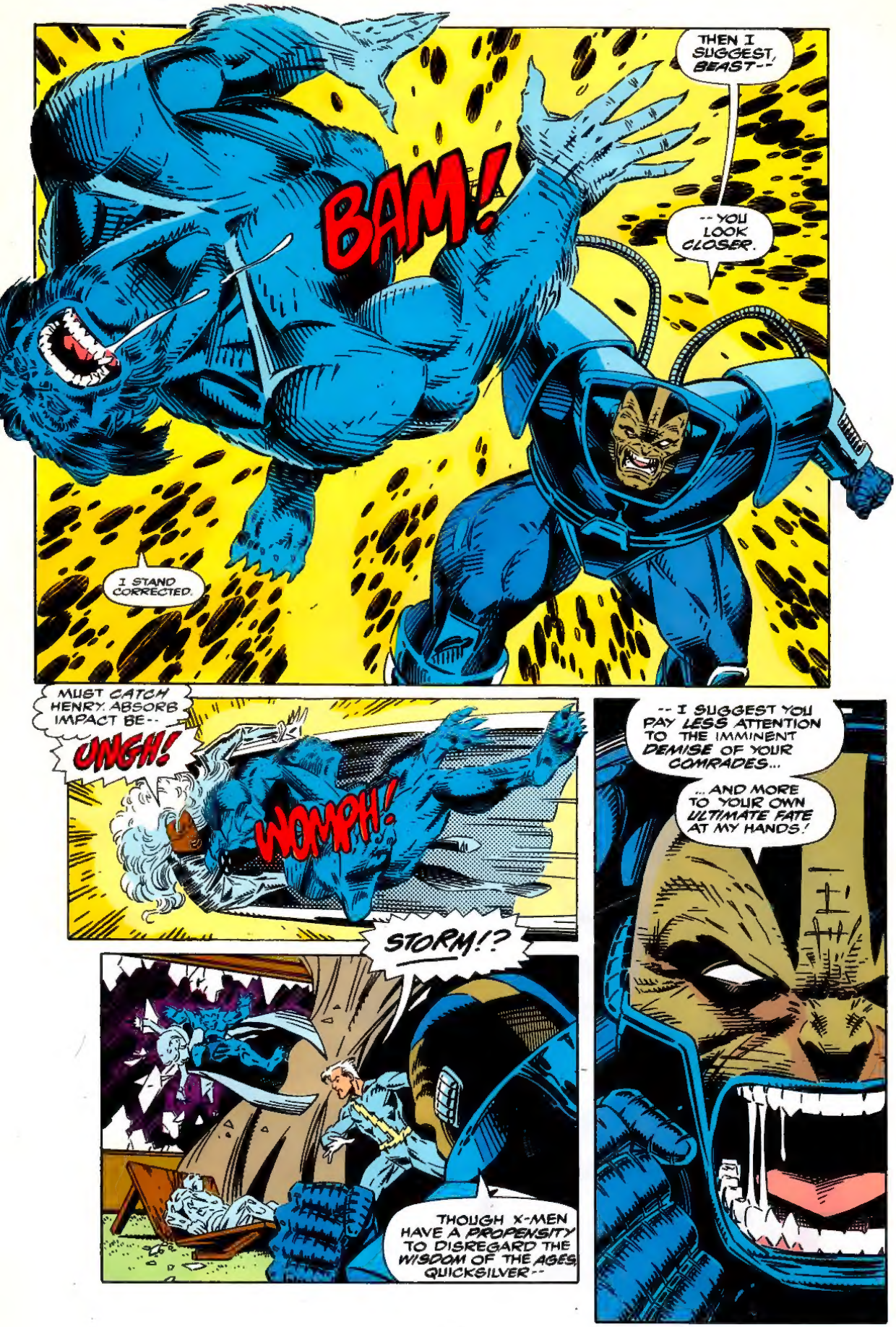



NO HOLOGRAM PROGRAMS.
NO SOCIAL AMENITIES.
NOTHING TO SUGGEST THIS IS ANYTHING MORE THAN A HOLDING CELL?
THEIR LEADER IS ACCUSED OF AN ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE PROFESSOR XAVIER, LORNA.*
UNTIL WE CAN PROVE THEIR CLAIMS THAT THEY'VE CUT ALL TIES WITH CABLE--
--WE HAVE TO DETAIN X-FORCE AS SUSPECTED ACCOMPLICES.
"DETAIN," ALEX? "ACCOMPLICES?"
YOU'RE REALLY GETTING INTO THE EUPHEMISTIC DOUBLE-SPEAK ASPECT OF X-FACTOR'S ROLE AS GOVERNMENT AGENTS.
THEY'RE KIDS, ALEX.
*LAST ISSUE.
NO OLDER THAN WE WERE WHEN WE STARTED OUT.
WHAT HAPPENED?
LIFE.
LIFE HAPPENED.
WE HAVE TO GO...
...VAL NEEDS US IN DE-BRIEFING.

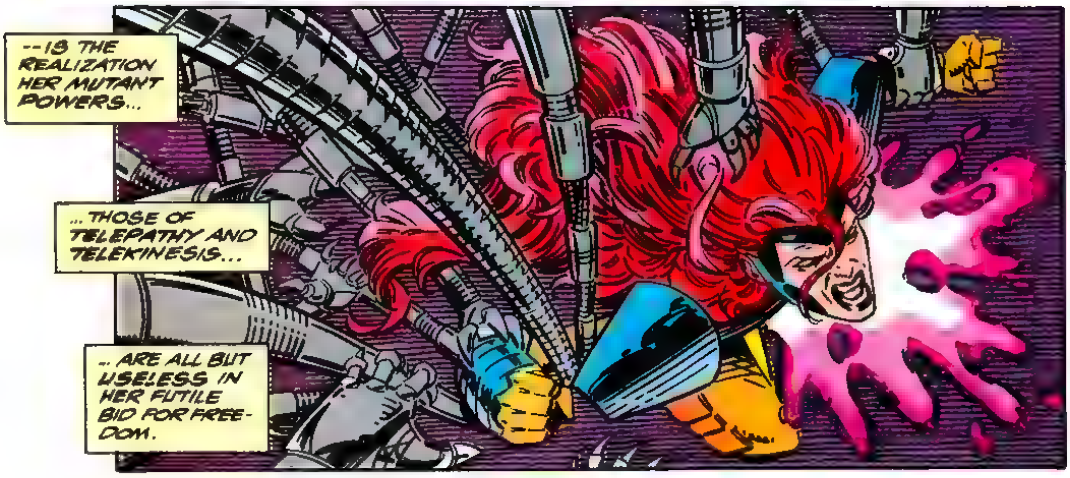

ONE FLIGHT ABOVE...
...THE X-MAN KNOWN AS PSYLOCKE--
...HOLDS SILENT VIGIL OVER THE CRITICALLY WOUNDED PROFESSOR XAVIER.
MORE SO THAN ANY OF YOUR STUDENTS, I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH.
I, TOO, HAD MY MIND AND BODY-- HEART AND SOUL-- SCULPTED INTO ANOTHER FORM ENTIRELY.
I WILL NOT STAND BY AND SEE IT HAPPEN TO SOMEONE ELSE.
ALL HANDS TO THE WAR ROOM-- STAT!
I REPEAT: ALL HANDS TO THE WAR ROOM...
I WILL BE BACK, PROFESSOR.
IF NECESSARY, TO COMPLETE THE TASK--
-- THAT TECHNOLOGY COULD NOT.



* X-FORCE #16. -- Boobela

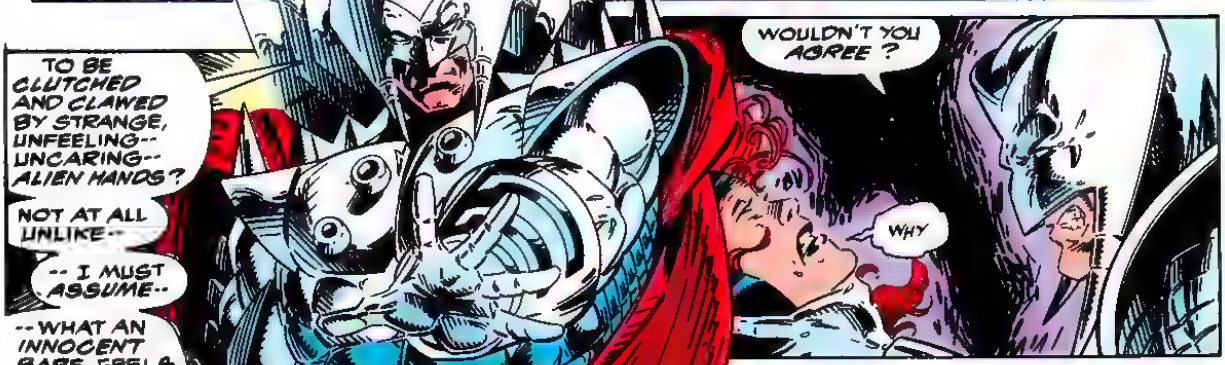

THEN I SUGGEST, BEAST--
BAM!
--YOU LOOK CLOSER.
I STAND CORRECTED.
MUST CATCH HENRY. ABSORB IMPACT BE--
UNGH!
WOMPH!
STORM!?
THOUGH X-MEN HAVE A PROPENSITY TO DISREGARD THE WISDOM OF THE AGES, QUICKSILVER--
--I SUGGEST YOU PAY LESS ATTENTION TO THE IMMINENT DEMISE OF YOUR COMRADES...
...AND MORE TO YOUR OWN ULTIMATE FATE AT MY HANDS!

SOMPLACE ELSE...
IT HAS BEEN HOURS SINCE JEAN GREY WAS SEPARATED FROM SCOTT SUMMERS.
SHE HAS SPENT EVERY MOMENT SINCE ON THE RUN--
--UNABLE TO BREAK THE GRIP OF A HUNDRED THOUSAND SERVO-ARMS THAT PUSH AND SHOVE AND PAW AND GROPE.
TO ADD TO HER HUMILIATION-- THE OVERWHELMING CRUSH OF HOPE-LESSNESS--

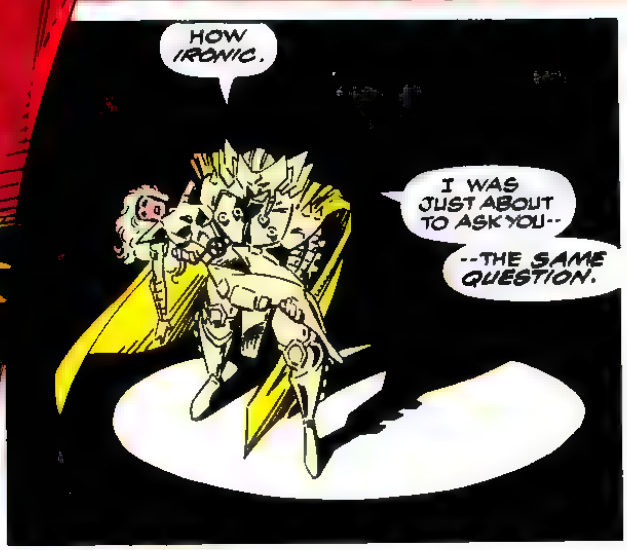

--IS THE REALIZATION HER MUTANT POWERS...
...THOSE OF TELEPATHY AND TELEKINESIS...
...ARE ALL BUT USELESS IN HER FUTILE BID FOR FREE-DOM.

TO HER CREDIT, SHE SUFFERS THIS OUTRAGE IN SILENCE...
..KNOWING HER ASSAILANT'S DEEPEST DESIRE IS TO HEAR HER CRY OUT IN PAIN AND DESPAIR.
HE WANTS THE SOUND OF HER BEGGING FOR MERCY--

--TO DROWN OUT THE ROAR OF HIS JOYLESS LAUGHTER,
SHE REFUSES TO ALLOW HIM THE SATISFACTION.
A HORRIFYING FEELING,NO?
BRUMP!


TO BE CLUTCHED AND CLAWED BY STRANGE, UNFEELING-- UNCARING-- ALIEN HANDS?
NOT AT ALL UNLIKE--
-- I MUST ASSUME--
--WHAT AN INNOCENT BABE FEELS WHEN BEREFT OF THE LOVE AND WARMTH THAT IS ITS BIRTHRIGHT?
WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?
WHY

WHY HAVE YOU DONE THIS TO ME?


HOW IRONIC.
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO ASK YOU--
--THE SAME QUESTION.

AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE "WAR ROOM" OF XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS...

FOR REASONS ALL HIS OWN, MR. SINISTER WAS "KIND ENOUGH" TO POINT US IN THE DIRECTION OF THIS MAN.

...X-FACTOR'S GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE POOL AND THE X-MEN'S I-DON'T-EVEN-WANT-TO-ASK SOURCES...

...THERE'S PRECIOUS LITTLE WE KNOW ABOUT THE MAN BESIDES HIS NAME.

DESPITE THE COLLECTIVE RESOURCES AT OUR DISPOSAL...

COMPUTER ENHANCE ON

FILE OPS STRYFE

HE'S CALLED STRYFE.

NEAR AS WE CAN TELL, TO DATE, HE'S MANAGED TO FOCUS MOST OF HIS AS YET UNDEFINED ENERGIES--

--INTO SURREPTITIOUSLY LEADING THE MUTANT LIBERATION FRONT.

UNTIL NOW, HE SEEMED CONTENT WITH HIT-AND-RUN TACTICS AGAINST HUMAN-RUN FACILITIES LIKE THIS GENETIC-IMAGING PLANT IN FRANCE.

WITH THE ASSAULT ON PROFESSOR XAVIER AND THE KIDNAPPING OF JEAN AND SCOTT--

--STRYFE IS OBVIOUSLY BROADENING HIS HORIZONS.

MAYBE HE'S STILL UPSET ABOUT HIS MISSING GLOVE?*
YEAH.
MAYBE, GUIDO...
*X-FACTOR #77--B.H.
...BUT FOR THE MOMENT, LET'S ASSUME HIS MOTIVATION IS A LITTLE--
--STRONGER?
YES--A LITTLE STRONGER. NOW...
THIS IS SOME BRIEFING, G-LADY.
YOU CALLED US UP HERE TO SAY YA' AIN'T GUESSED ZIP?
FOR ALL ANYBODY KNOWS...
...IT COULD BE CABLE WALKIN' AROUND WITH AN ICE BUCKET ON HIS HEAD.
THAT'S--
--CONCEIVABLE.
AT THIS POINT, EVERY THEORY IS A VIABLE ONE--WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF THE GLOVE SCENARIO.
BEFORE I CONTINUE, WHY HAVEN'T WOLVERINE AND BISHOP ARRIVED YET?
THEY, UH... HAVEN'T, HAVE THEY?
PROB'LY BE 'LONG ANY MINUTE, CHERE.
PROBABLY.
-308
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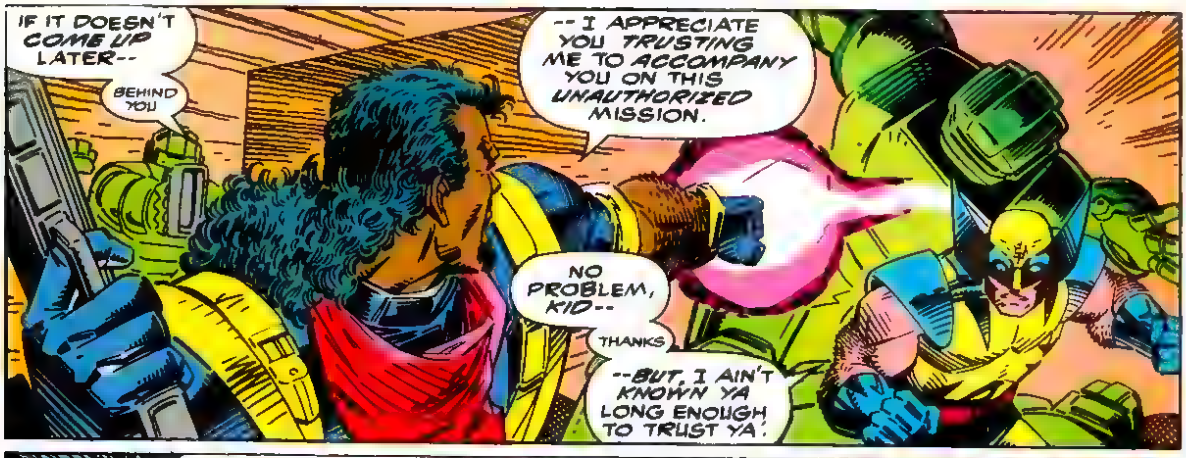
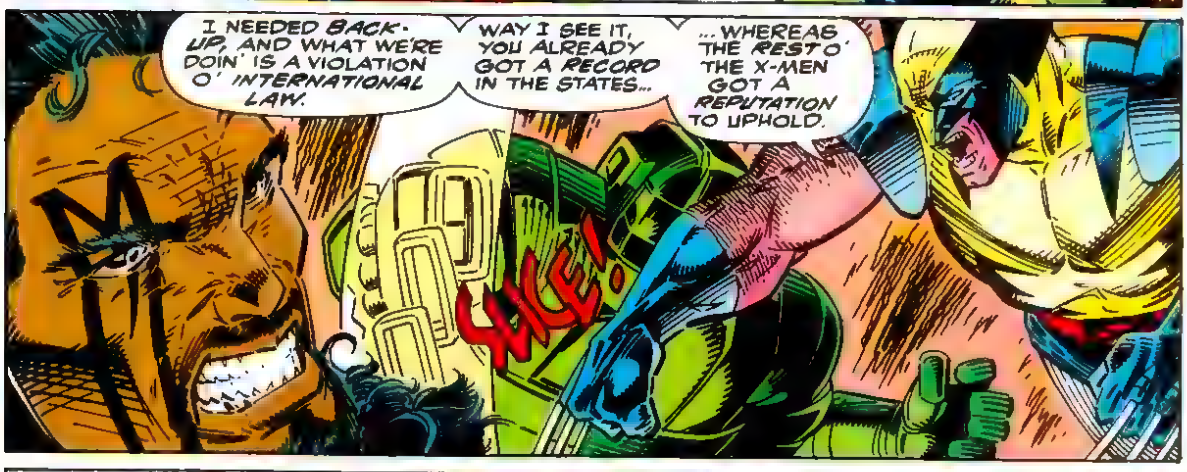
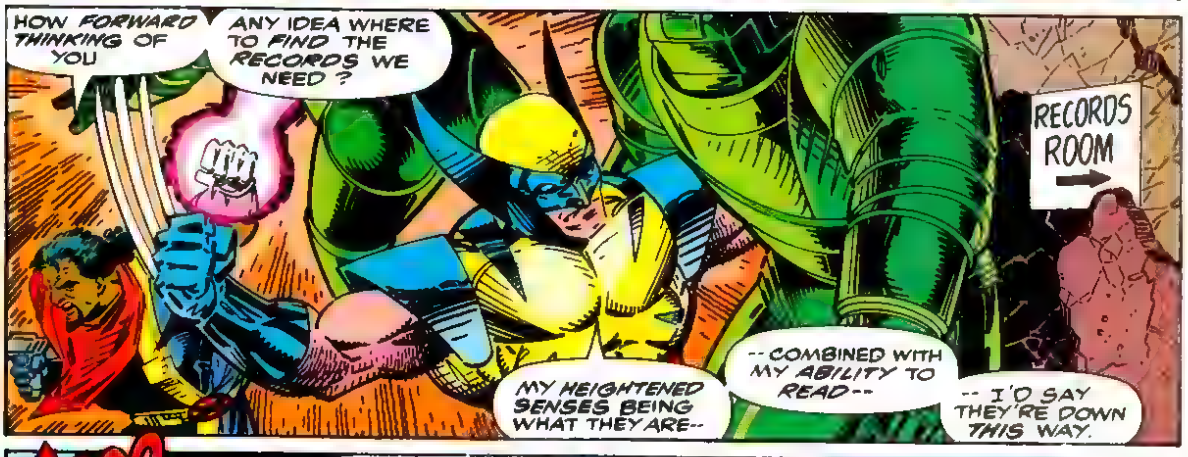
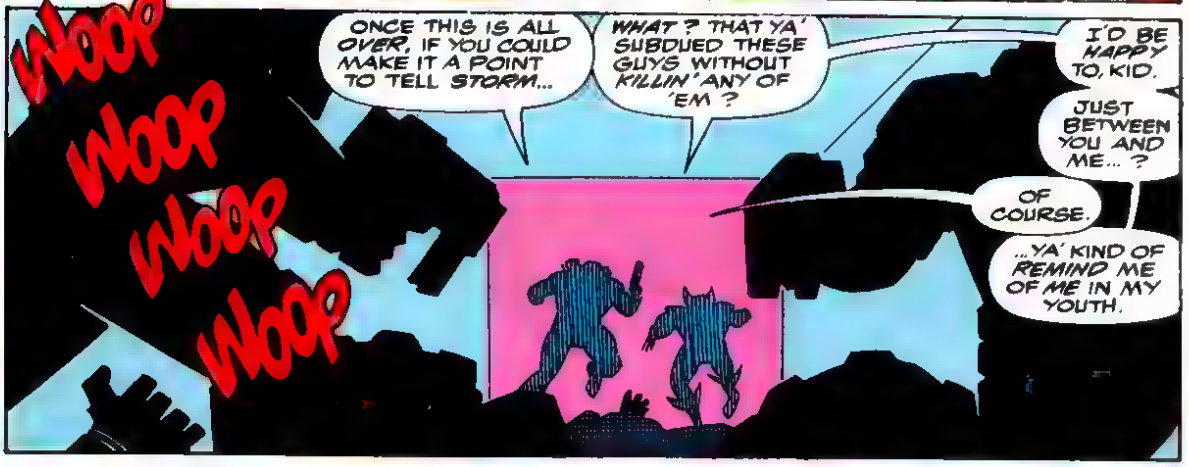
SINNIW30
ANY MINUTE.
PROB'LY.

BUT NOT LIKELY.
CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF SECURITY
DEPARTMENT K
WOOP WOOP WOOP
BISHOP -- THE CHRONOLOGICALLY DISPLACED X-MAN FROM THE FUTURE.
YOU WERE CORRECT REGARDING DEPARTMENT K'S RELUCTANCY TO SHARE THEIR RESOURCES --
-- IN TRYING TO TRACK DOWN CABLE AT ONE OF HIS MULTITUDE OF SAFE HOUSES.
WOLVERINE -- WHOSE MUTANT HEALING FACTOR ACCOMMODATES ADAMANTIUM BONES.
WELL, KID -- I'M INTUITIVE THAT WAY.
TOGETHER, THEY ARE THE BEST AT WHAT THEY DO.
BUT WHAT THEY DO IS NEVER VERY SUBTLE.
'SIDES, CANADIAN INTELLIGENCE DOESN'T HAVE THE TYPE OF FILES YA' ACCESS FROM YER LAPTOP.
JOB LIKE THIS REQUIRES A MORE "PERSONAL" TOUCH.
INDEED.
FORTUNATELY WEAPON PRIME MUST BE OFF ON ASSIGNMENT --
-- OR THINGS MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN VIOLENT.


IF IT DOESN'T COME UP LATER--
BEHIND YOU
--I APPRECIATE YOU TRUSTING ME TO ACCOMPANY YOU ON THIS UNAUTHORIZED MISSION.
NO PROBLEM, KID--
THANKS.
--BUT, I AIN'T KNOWN YA LONG ENOUGH TO TRUST YA'.

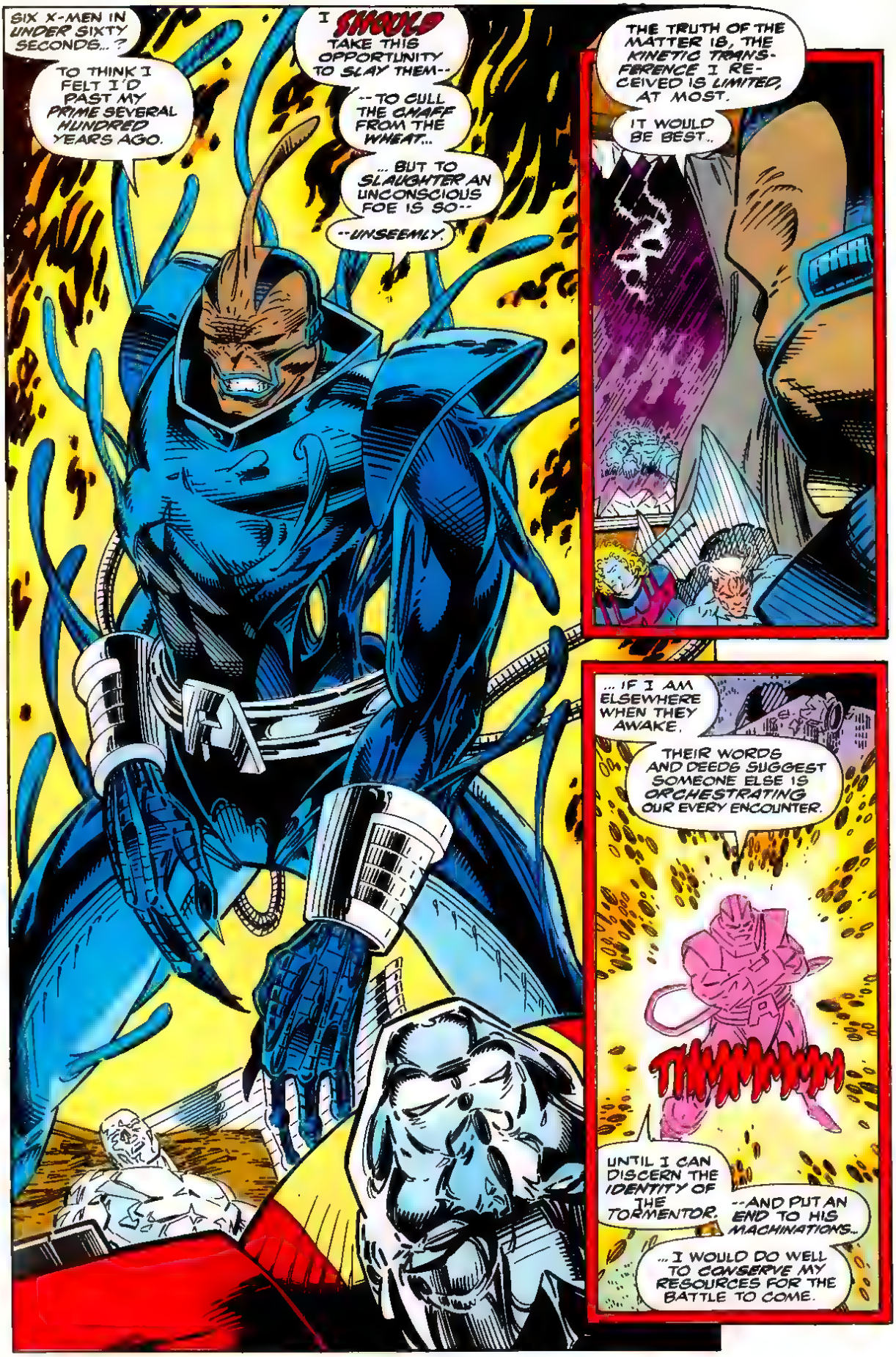

I NEEDED BACK-UP, AND WHAT WE'RE DOIN' IS A VIOLATION O' INTERNATIONAL LAW.
WAY I SEE IT, YOU ALREADY GOT A RECORD IN THE STATES...
...WHEREAS THE REST O' THE X-MEN GOT A REPUTATION TO UPHOLD.
SKE!


HOW FORWARD THINKING OF YOU
ANY IDEA WHERE TO FIND THE RECORDS WE NEED ?
RECORDS ROOM
MY HEIGHTENED SENSES BEING WHAT THEY ARE--
--COMBINED WITH MY ABILITY TO READ--
-- I'D SAY THEY'RE DOWN THIS WAY.


Woop Woop Woop Woop
ONCE THIS IS ALL OVER, IF YOU COULD MAKE IT A POINT TO TELL STORM...
WHAT ? THAT YA' SUBDUED THESE GUYS WITHOUT KILLIN' ANY OF 'EM ?
I'D BE HAPPY TO, KID.
JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME... ?
OF COURSE.
...YA' KIND OF REMIND ME OF ME IN MY YOUTH.

ELSEWHERE...
CLANGGH
YOUR OVER-CONFIDENCE IS MUCH APPRECIATED, QUICKSILVER.
OR CAN IT BE NO ONE WARNED YOU THAT YOUR SUPER SPEED IS ALL BUT USELESS--
BWAAM!
--AGAINST A MUTANT WHO CAN CONTROL HIS EVERY MOLECULE?!
AS OTHERS BEFORE YOU, APOCALYPSE--
--YOU MISTAKE REASON AND COMPASSION FOR COWARDICE AND WEAKNESS.
COLOSSUS IS RIGHT...
...STORM WAS HOPING THIS BATTLE COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED.
WOUMPH
ET TU, ARCHANGEL?
ME ESPECIALLY!
THERE'S NOTHING I'D LIKE BETTER--
--THAN TO SEPARATE YOUR HEAD FROM THE REST OF YOUR SHAPE-SHIFTING BODY!
AND I WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO FIND A REASON TO STOP HIM!
BUT FORTUNATELY FOR YOU, CREATURE, WE REALIZE YOU REPRESENT OUR BEST HOPE OF FINDING CYCLOPS AND JEAN!

THEN YOU HAVE
NO HOPE AT ALL.
FOR YOU SEE, I DID NOT RETURN "HOME"
THOUGH HE WOULD NEVER ADMIT IT TO ANOTHER LIVING BEING--
...PUNEP!
ZZKRATZ
OUT OF SOME MIS-GUIDED SENTIMENTALITY.
RATHER, THIS ESTATE HOUSES...
SCHUNK
--THERE IS VERY LITTLE APOCALYPSE UNDERSTANDS ABOUT THE ALIEN TECHNOLOGY AT HIS DISPOSAL...
...TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED INTO THE VERY STRUCTURE OF SAFEHOUSES LIKE THIS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
BUT, WHAT HE DOES COMPREHEND, HOWEVER--
--PROVES TO BE MORE THAN ENOUGH.


SIX X-MEN IN UNDER SIXTY SECONDS...?
TO THINK I FELT I'D PAST MY PRIME SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS AGO.
I SHOULD TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SLAY THEM--
--TO CULL THE CHAFF FROM THE WHEAT...
... BUT TO SLAUGHTER AN UNCONSCIOUS FOE IS SO--
--UNSEEMLY.
THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS, THE KINETIC TRANSFERENCE I RECEIVED IS LIMITED, AT MOST.
IT WOULD BE BEST..
... IF I AM ELSEWHERE WHEN THEY AWAKE,
THEIR WORDS AND DEEDS SUGGEST SOMEONE ELSE IS ORCHESTRATING OUR EVERY ENCOUNTER.
THUMMMMM
UNTIL I CAN DISCERN THE IDENTITY OF THE TORMENTOR,
--AND PUT AN END TO HIS MACHINATIONS...
... I WOULD DO WELL TO CONSERVE MY RESOURCES FOR THE BATTLE TO COME.

AND A CONTINENT AWAY...
...AT XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNG-STERS.
Y'ALL SENT FOR ME?
YES, SAM.
COME IN, MAKE YOURSELF--
"--COMFORTABLE?" NOT LIKELY, ALEX.
NOT WITH THE REST O' MY TEAM LOCKED-UP LIKE A BUNCH O' CRIMINALS...
... WHILE YOU AN' GAMBIT HERE ATTEMPT T'DIVIDE AND CONQUER X-FORCE BY PROMPTIN' ME T'DROP A DIME ON CABLE.
PROBLEM BEIN', AH ALREADY TOLDJA' WHAT AH KNOW.
YOU MIGHT EVEN BELIEVE THAT, HOMME.
ME...?
GAMBLING MAN DAT I BE--I'M WILLING TO BET YOU GOT MORE INFORMATION FLOATING 'ROUND IN DAT HEAD O' YOURS 'DAN YOU KNOW.
JUST A MATTER O' HOW WE GONNA' PRY IT OUT.
COMPRENEZ-VOUS?
VERY SUBTLE, GAMBIT.
JUST LIKE WE REHEARSED. MAYBE NEXT TIME YOU COULD HIT HIM OVER THE HEAD WITH A BRICK!
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BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

You know the way our Chinese friends celebrate different years like "The Year of the Pig," or "The Year of the Dragon"? Well, for mighty Marvel, 1992 has most definitely been "The Year of the Spider," and what a great year it's been! Spider-Man's thirtieth anniversary has kept our whole blushing bullpen busy with special Hologram-Cover Issues, Spidey Conventions, Web-Slinger Parties and all sorts of arachnid-inspired fun 'n games!

Another, more subtle way that we've been celebrating everyone's favorite wall-crawler has been by introducing famous Marvel guest stars in Spidey's syndicated newspaper strip. Those of you who are lucky enough to have Spidey's daily strip in your local newspaper's comic section, have already seen the current episode which is just now zooming to a cataclysmic conclusion, the one featuring the ever dazzling and delightful Dr. Strange!

Well, here's a really sensational follow-up to the Spidey/Dr. Strange adventure. Starting sometime in October, the peripatetic Peter Parker will welcome another guest star to what is arguably the most popular newspaper story-strip in all the world — Daredevil, the Man Without Fear! This will be Matt Murdock's first appearance in any newspaper and I can promise you it'll be a zingeroo! Can't tell you much without spoiling the surprises for you — but I can clue you in about some new artists coming on board!

Floro Dery, who has so brilliantly illustrated the Spidey Sunday pages for the past decade or so, has been forced to give up his chores because of an increased work load at the animation studio which is his home base. Although I was genuinely sorry to bid Floro adieu, wait'll you hear who his exciting replacements will be!

To pencil Spidey's Sunday pages, we were lucky to grab Rampagin' **Ron Frenz**, the demon illustrator who, together with the scripting of Titanic **Tom DeFalco**, has made MIGHTY THOR one of Marvel's most consistent "must read" titles issue after issue! And, to ink Ron's awesome panels, we managed to lure one of Marvel's all-time greats out of semi-retirement — which means that the world once again will thrill to the exotic embellishments of the titanically talented Joltin' **Joe Sinnott**!

So, Ron and Joe now join forces with comicdom's own legendary **Larry Lieber**, who has been so pandemoniously penciling and inking Spidey's daily pages for lo these many years, to form the most spectacular art team on any newspaper page! It's all yours, for free, in your local newspaper! (And if your paper is one of the few that doesn't carry **The Amazing Spider-Man**, never underestimate the power of a letter to the editor!)

Now, until Spidey's next anniversary — Larry, Ron, Joe, and I urge thee most humbly — Keep Thy Webs Untangled!

Excelsior!

Stan

Stan Lee

When we think of October, we think of those scary people who put on masks, play tricks, and try to frighten everyone. That's right, we're talking about *politicians*! This is the time of year when politicos are plentiful, frightening even Red Ghosts, Scarlet Witches, and Hobgoblins! As every Marveloid knows, we're just weeks away from the funniest holiday of the year — **Election Day!**

In his very first appearance, the Amazing Spider-Man learned that with great power must come great responsibility. Well, every Marveloid out there over the age of 18 has great power, too — the power to *vote*! This is a responsibility many of us take for granted if at all. Think about it — we actually have the opportunity to help decide who will hold the most important position in the nation! Why not exercise some of your great responsibility that comes with the great power to vote? To register, call your municipal government office or the local chapter of the League of Woman Voters.

From the presidential race we move on to a footrace, as we track Marvel's standings in the 1992 Corporate Challenge. The Corporate Challenge is a series of 3 1/2-mile races held every June, in which companies all over New York compete to see who has the fastest workaholics. The big winner for Marvel this year was **Danny** "Speedy" **Gonzalez**, who finished one of the races in just 21 minutes. Other Marvel Quicksilvers were **Bernadette Ayala** of the Manufacturing Department, **Mary Sprowls** of the Finance Department, and editors **Don** (PUNISHER) **Daley** and **Glenn** (NOMAD) **Herdling**. The *apres*-race parties held at the Senior Exec Ed's place were also a runaway success!

The Marvel softball season is also racing to a close as we write this. We all must have had our catcher's masks on in June (not to mention our hitter's masks and our outfielder's masks), because we had a three-game winning streak, including a victory over *Billboard* magazine — a team which we had never before beaten in Marvel history! We wore the masks of tragedy, however, as DC trick-or-treated us to a loss in our second game against their squadron of all-stars. The DC/Marvel retro-rivalry is now tied at one game apiece, with one more left to play between the two companies.

One thing is for sure — the ultra-athletic DC team sure knows how to get the most out of a bat! (Maybe it would help our chances if we all wore Adam West masks!)

Bullpen neo-cartoonist **Rick Parker** and assistant editor **Barry Dutter** have good reason to throw a masquerade party this month! Ricko the Sicko and "Big" Barry have a hyper-funny book of cartoons coming out. The book is called *Everything I Really Need to Know I Learned from Television*, and is on sale in bookstores all across America. (By a strange coincidence, that same creative team is also responsible for the cartoon that appears each month on this very page!) It's the perfect reading material for All Hallow's Eve! It will help you laugh away all your fears!

If you *really* want to treat your neighborhood monsters, don't give them candy this Halloween — give them the all-new Marvel Masterpiece trading cards! This 100 card set features all your favorite heroes and villains, beautifully painted by Joe Jusko. Each card is a true work of art! And if your preference is for pictures that *move*, we'd also like to mention that the Marvel Video Cassette *Pryde of the X-Men* is now available at video retailers everywhere. Get a copy now and receive a $5 refund on other videos in MCV's catalog. No tricks here — just plenty of treats for everyone!

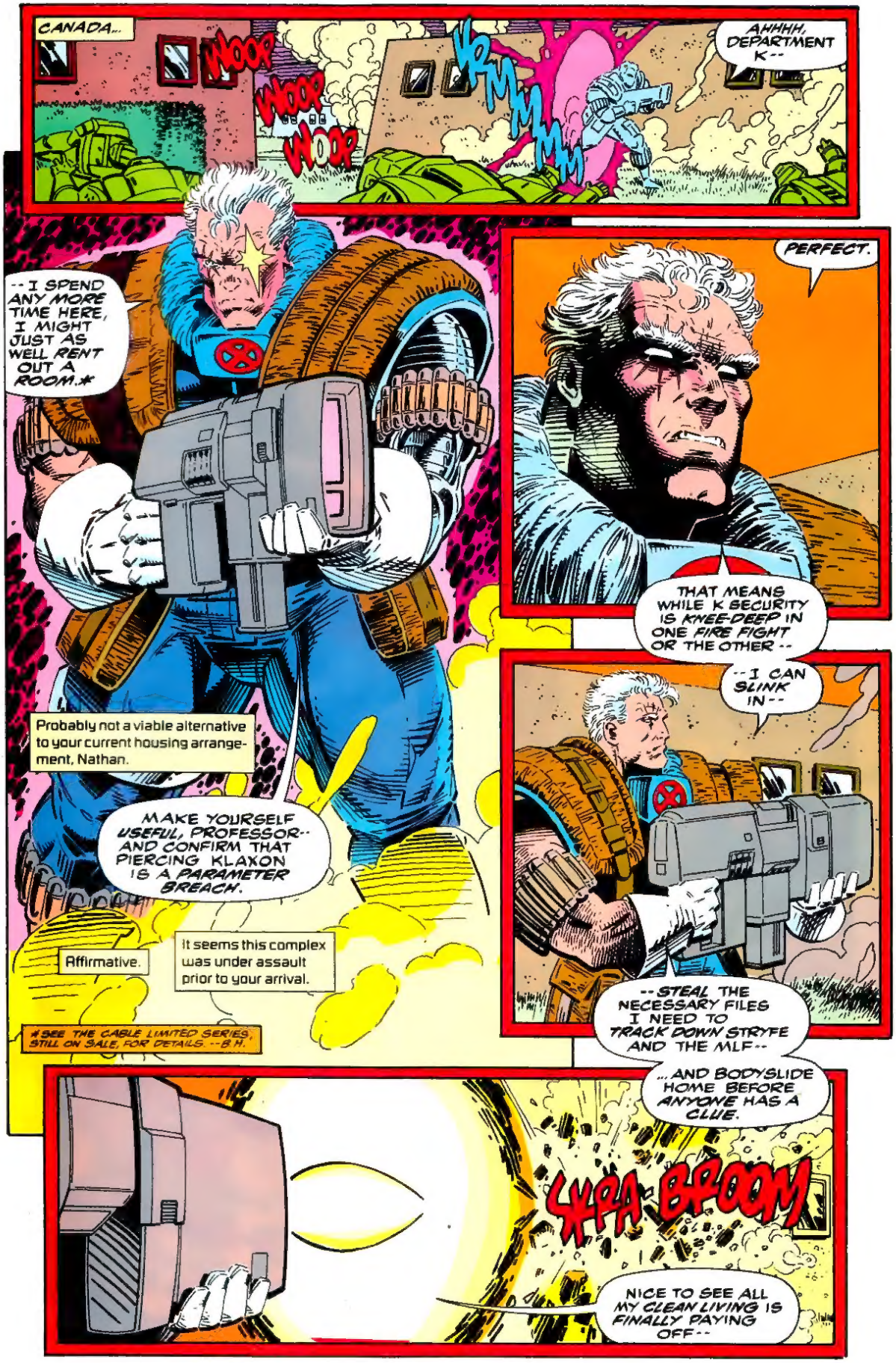
Till next time, remember, though Halloween comes but once a year, Marvel heroes wear masks and colorful costumes all year long! See you at the polls!

THE BULL'S EYE

by Rick Parker & Barry Dutter

ACCENTS BIODIVERSITY ESCAPE CLAUSES OLYMPIC BULLPEN BORDERLINE BLATHER TRIPLECASTS FASHION STATEMENTS QUALITY-OF-LIFE

SAM, I'M SORRY. BUT YOU HAVE TO TELL ME. WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE MLF?
THE MUTANT LIBERATION FRONT?
BUNCHA' THIEVIN', STEALIN', MURDERIN' MUTANTS LED BY AN HOMBRE NAME A STRYFE.
BUT IF Y'ALL LOOKIN' FOR SOME CONNECTION 'TWEEN HIM AND CABLE...
..Y'ALL WASTIN' YOUR TIME. THEY HATE EACH OTHER.
SO WE'VE SURMISED.
PROBLEM BEIN', IF WE KNEW WHERE HE WAS--
--WE'DDA' NAILED THE MLF'S SORRY HIDES MONTHS AGO.
IF'N I HAD UNLIMITED ACCESS TO X-FACTOR'S GOVERNMENT COMPUTERS, I WOULD BE ABLE TO NARROW DOWN A LIST OF SUSPECTED HIDEOUTS.
BUT IT'D COME WITH A PRICE TAG, FELLAS.
CUT TO THE CHASE, SAM.
AH'D WANT A FULL PRESIDENTIAL PARDON FOR EVERY MEMBER OF X-FORCE.
EVRYONE SHOULD HAVE A DREAM, HOMMIE.
NOT EVEN A CONSI-DERATION.
'TELL YOU WHAT--
--HELP US FIND THE MLF...
...YOU CAN HELP US TAKE THEM DOWN AS AN EQUAL PARTNER.
MUH UNIFORM?
Y'ALL REALIZE I'M ONLY OFFERING MUH BEST GUESS?
SAM, OFFERING YOUR BEST.
...IS ALL THE PROFESSOR EVER ASKED FROM ANY OF US.
OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT?


CANADA...
WOOP WOOP WOOP
YRMMMM
AHHHH, DEPARTMENT K--
--I SPEND ANY MORE TIME HERE, I MIGHT JUST AS WELL RENT OUT A ROOM.*
Probably not a viable alternative to your current housing arrangement, Nathan.
MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL, PROFESSOR-- AND CONFIRM THAT PIERCING KLAXON IS A PARAMETER BREACH.
Affirmative.
It seems this complex was under assault prior to your arrival.
* SEE THE CABLE LIMITED SERIES, STILL ON SALE, FOR DETAILS. --B.H.
PERFECT.
THAT MEANS WHILE K SECURITY IS KNEE-DEEP IN ONE FIRE FIGHT OR THE OTHER --
--I CAN SLINK IN--
--STEAL THE NECESSARY FILES I NEED TO TRACK DOWN STRYFE AND THE MLF--
...AND BODYSLIDE HOME BEFORE ANYONE HAS A CLUE.
KRA-BROOM
NICE TO SEE ALL MY CLEAN LIVING IS FINALLY PAYING OFF--

WOOP WOOP WOOP WOOP WOOP
--AND SOMETHING IS WORKING OUT THE WAY I PLANNED IT.
FOR ONCE.
Not according to my sensors, Nathan.
YOU?!!
IT'S GOING TO BE ONE OF THOSE DAYS.
WOOP WOOP WOOP
PETERSON
AUSTIN
The X-CUTIONERS SONG CONTINUES IN THE PAGES OF X-FACTOR #85!
YOU BRING THE AMMO WE'LL SUPPLY THE REST!

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